

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 772 - SB 778

March 10, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes a \$600 cash supplement for volunteer firefighters of a fire department recognized by the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) when such individuals complete annual in-service training.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$3,825,600/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

The Governor's proposed budget for FY21-22, on page A-35, recognizes a recurring increase in state expenditures to the General Fund in the amount of \$4,922,000.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004347): Deletes all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is to decrease, from 40 hours to 30 hours, the amount of annual in-service training required for a volunteer firefighter to receive the \$600 cash supplement.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-24-202, salaried, or career, firefighters currently receive an \$800 salary supplement for completion of 40 hours of annual in-service training.
- The proposed legislation extends the eligibility of the supplement to unpaid volunteer firefighters of a fire department registered and recognized by the SFMO.
- Based on a roster of registered fire departments provided by the SMFO, there are approximately 12,751 volunteer firefighters that would be eligible for the cash supplement.
- It is assumed 50 percent or 6,376 (12,751 x 50.0%) of the volunteer firefighters will complete the annual in-service training.

- Decreasing the amount of annual training required from 40 hours to 30 hours is not estimated to significantly increase the portion of volunteer firefighters that will qualify for the \$600 cash supplement.
- It is assumed that the number of volunteer firefighters in aggregate will remain constant over time.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures, beginning in FY21-22, is estimated to be \$3,825,600 (6,376 x \$600).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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